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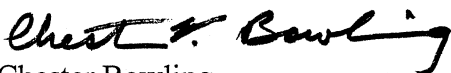
LOWER AMERICAN RIVER
February 1 through February 28 2001

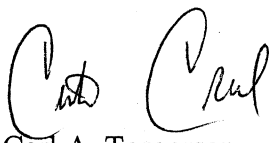
Status of Action

The purpose of this addendum¹ is to document the decision to account for the increased releases to the American River in support of Fish Action #3 as (b)(2) water and not the EWA. The current 90% and 50% exceedence forecasts indicate that the Shasta Index will be greater than 3.2 million acre-feet. Therefore the quantity of (b)(2) water available for Water Year 2001 is 800,000 acre-feet. When Fish Action #3 was initiated, the forecasted Shasta Index was very close to 3.2 million acre-feet (MAF). If it were less than 3.2 MAF, there would have been only 600,000 acre-feet of (b)(2) water available and the cost of Fish Action #3 would have been covered by the EWA.

Method of Accounting for the Cost

Reclamation has estimated an initial (b)(2) water cost of 25,200 acre-feet. The actual (b)(2) accounting will be determined from the comparison of actual daily CVP operations to daily CVP operations under pre-1992 conditions, as specified in the October 5, 1999, Decision on Implementation of Section 3406(b)(2).


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¹ This is an addendum to Fish Action #3 dated February 20, 2001.